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**WRITTEN OPINION OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY**

(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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Applicant's or agent's file reference 25390 WGM	<b>FOR FURTHER ACTION</b> See paragraph 2 below
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International Patent Classification (IPC) or both national classification and IPC

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Applicant

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**1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. I	Basis of the opinion
<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. II	Priority
<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. III	Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. IV	Lack of unity of invention
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. VI	Certain documents cited
<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VII	Certain defects in the international application
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII	Certain observations on the international application

**2. FURTHER ACTION**

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

For further options, see Form PCT/ISA/220.

**3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.**

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Box No. I Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).

2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:

a. type of material

a sequence listing  
 table(s) related to the sequence listing

b. format of material

in written format  
 in computer readable form

c. time of filing/furnishing

contained in the international application as filed.  
 filed together with the international application in computer readable form.  
 furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.

3.  In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.

4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V      **Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims 1-19	YES
	Claims -	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims -	YES
	Claims 1-19	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-19	YES
	Claims	NO

2. Citations and explanations:

INVENTIVE STEP (IS) claims 1-19

- WO 1994/017637 A1
- WO 1993/016578 A1

Claim 1: The above citations disclose all the features except the feature of a channel behind the facing plane. However, it would be obvious to a person skilled in the art to provide a space behind the arrangement for wires to be neatly placed. Hence, this feature merely amounts to common general knowledge and thus do not involve an inventive step.

Claims 2-19: The features added by these claims merely amount to common general knowledge and hence do not involve an inventive step.

Also, see the indication contained in Box VI "Certain documents cited".

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Box No. VI Certain documents cited

1. Certain published documents (Rules 43bis.1 and 70.10)

Application No. <u>Patent No.</u>	Publication date ( <i>day/month/year</i> )	Filing date ( <i>day/month/year</i> )	Priority date (valid claim) ( <i>day/month/year</i> )
P,X US 6802575 B1	12 October 2004	5 September 2002	5 September 2002

This document discloses all the features of the claim 1 except that there is no indication in the document of using the rack modularly ie using the racks side by side. However, this feature merely amounts to common general knowledge and hence do not involve an inventive step.

Similarly the features added by claims 2-19 are common general knowledge and hence do not involve an inventive step.

2. Non-written disclosures (Rules 43bis.1 and 70.9)

Kind of non-written disclosure	Date of non-written disclosure ( <i>day/month/year</i> )	Date of written disclosure referring to non-written disclosure ( <i>day/month/year</i> )

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**Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application**

The following observations on the clarity of the claims, description, and drawings or on the question whether the claims are fully supported by the description, are made:

a) Claim 1 is not supported by the description because it does not define the "channel" behind the facing plane as described in figure 14. From the claim it seems to read as though the channel is in the module and going from the front plane towards the back face.